Dear Earl, 8/14/81

Jim is supposed to have mailed the affidavit to you yesterday, before leaving for a visit with his parents early this morning. I asked him to do it so you'd have plenty of time. Here is what happened.

Jim was talking it over with Bud. Bud had some knowledge of the contents from a conversation we'd had when he came to see me in the hospital in May, before we could depose Kilty. He then said, "You'll be cutting them a new asshole." So, they decided that there was too much material for the usual rush we have will all we prepare. Bud suggested that Jim ask for more time. Jim was going to ask for a week after his return. I asked him to request two weeks because he has an overdue appeals court reply brief.

If Jim called me last night he would not have gotten me until later than he would have called. We are dog-sitting for friends who are abroad and had to take their dog to the vet. I'll be hearing from him before he returns.

He is due back 8/24. If we get the two weeks, that will make it about the 8th, the 7th being Labor Day. So that will be the approximate release date, so to speak, about the time of the press conference. I'll be asking Bud if I can use his conference room for the press conference.

Jim was to have added an affidavit I used earlier, from Jim Tague. It may be that in the rush he did not get around to this. Otherwise, I assume you'll have all the exhibits, including what I think can make you a seperate story, the Jackson matter. Nobody else even knows about that. If you want what remains of what Cheney said, to the best of my knowledge it exists only on the record McClendon, KMP, made. His secretary probably can provide one and I think Mary will have it. McClendon told me that something had happened to the tape, which was gone.

If you have any questions, ask. I do not expect to be gone except for short periods of time.

Best wishes,